New guidelines on transfer of property

1486. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aircraft Acquisition Committee consisting of the Ministry has proposed to allow 100 percent transfer of property including aircrafts, routes and parking bays slots;

(b) if so, whether these rights cannot be further transferred or leased to a third party;

(c) whether Committee has finalized the guiuelines on merger and acquisition and has forwarded the same to the Ministry for approval; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Civil Aviation has on the recommendation of Aircraft Acquisition Committee formulated and published the Policy to be followed only in respect of use of airport infrastructure in case of merger/take over of airlines and sale/transfer of aircraft. The salient features of the same are as under:

The airlines that takes over the aircraft pursuant to merger/take over or sale/transfer of the aircraft may be allowed to use of airport infrastructure like parking bays, landing slots etc., which is allotted by Airport Operator without any payment, use of such rights may be allowed with the following conditions;

(i) Only the user rights over such infrastructure that are given to an airline on non-payment basis e.g. parking bays, landing slots etc. may be allowed to be used by the airline that takes over the aircraft.

(ii) User rights cannot be transferred by one airline to the other airlines in any event.

(iii) User rights may be allowed to be used by the airline that takes over the aircraft only on respect of those rights, which are actually under use by the airline that transfers the aircraft.

(iv) The user rights will be available with the airline that takes over the aircraft only till such time that the infrastructure concerned is under actual use. If the airlines that takes over the aircraft does not use the concerned infrastructure, it will loose the user rights over the infrastructure.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of Airport at Kannur

1487. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for the construction of an airport at Kannur is pending with Government;

(b) whether the Nodal Agency has since submitted the Techno-Economic-Feasibility Report;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether necessary sanctions have been accorded to the project with the details thereof; and

(e) the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) A proposal of the Government of Kerala for the construction of an airport of international standards at Kannur in Kerala is being examined by the Government.

Modern Navigation System

1488. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India (AAI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Space, is developing a modern navigation system over the Indian air space;

(b) if so, the details of the new navigation system and how is it different/helpful from the existing one;